August 2, 2001, 8:30 a.m. Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Doubletree I & II, 320 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven W. Lynn; Vice Chairman Andi Minkoff;

Commissioner James R. Huntwork; Commissioner Joshua M. Hall;

Commissioner Daniel R. Elder.

Staff present: Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste; Amy Rezzonico, Press

Information Officer; Lou Jones, IRC Staff.

Counsel: Lisa T. Hauser and Jose de Jesus Rivera.

Also present: Lisa A. Nance, RPR, CCR, court reporter with Atwood Reporting.

Consultants Present: Alan Heslop; Florence Adams; Marguerite Leoni;

Doug Johnson; Chris Hutchison; Marion Porch; Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item II and X: Public Comment.

The public was given opportunity to speak at the beginning and closing of the meeting. Public speakers were:

Andrea Gonzales

Sherry L. Smith

Mark Fleisher

Andrea Gonzales (a second time)

Davis Gass

Paul Eckstein

Agenda Item III: Discussion and possible approval of the Minutes of the Commission's July 6, 2001, public meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the July 6, 2001, Minutes as submitted.

Agenda Item IV: Report by Executive Director regarding administrative matters, including an update on Commission staff.

Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste presented a written update on staffing to date and announced that Susan Svitak had come on board with the Commission.

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Agenda Item V: Discussion and possible directions or decision with respect to the schedule for the second round of public meetings.

Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste passed out the agenda for the second round of hearings to the Commissioners for their review and to be returned with feedback for scheduling and logistical purposes within the office. Some discussion was had concerning the schedule of the second round of meetings and feedback was given to the Executive Director regarding suggestions for revisions in the schedule.

Agenda Item VI: Discussion and possible direction or decision with respect to the process for timely payment for professional services and to critical vendors.

Ex. Dir. Echeveste announced that was now a nonissue as the process and payment issues had been resolved with all vendors and service providers.

Agenda Item VII: Executive Session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Commission attorneys pursuant to A.R.S. 38-341.03(A)(3).

Motion was made, seconded and carried for the Commission to go into Executive Session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Commission attorneys pursuant to A.R.S. 38-341.03(A)(3).

The Commission was in Executive Session from 9:10 a.m. until 9:52 a.m. at which time Public Session resumed.

Agenda Item V: Agenda Item Reopened. Further discussion was had regarding the proposed schedule for the second round of public meetings.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to leave the published agenda as published.

Agenda Item VIII: Possible presentation, discussion and possible decision with respect to the adoption of any additional AURs.

Dr. Heslop addressed the Commission. NDC presented a Power Point Presentation.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Scottsdale as an AUR.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Green Valley and the I-19 areas in the Southern portion of the State as two separate AURs.

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Agenda Item IX: Presentation by NDC, discussion and possible decision concerning instructions to NDC on modifications of the grids for development of draft Congressional and Legislative maps.

Presentation was made by NDC.

Motion was made and seconded to instruct NDC to draw a northeastern rural Congressional District with an effort to separate the Hopi from the Navajo. Motion was amended to removal the word "rural" from the motion. The maker of the motion accepted the amendment. The seconder accepted the motion as amended. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct NDC that for purposes of the Legislative Districting in Northeastern Arizona, that to the extent practicable, without negative impact on other Legislative districting efforts, the Navajo and Hopi should be separated.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct NDC and adopt "all the words on the screen" as displayed in the Power Point at the moment displayed by NDC regarding essentially everything in the block that the consultants were asking for direction on. (Discussion was on the two Congressional Districts, one centered in Maricopa County and one centered in the center part of the state, and "maximizing the effective remaining population in the other districts...")

Motion was made, seconded and carried NDC be instructed to develop two primarily rural Congressional Districts, one that is kept out of urban areas.

Lunch recess was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the request for instruction displayed on the screen by NDC that would make it possible to create one East Valley Congressional District which respects local self-identifying communities and develop six Legislative Districts which have the same effect of respecting community.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct NDC to create a district such as that laid out in the proposal submitted by the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization.

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Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct NDC to create a Legislative District from an undivided Yuma County.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to create a unified district with Yavapai County, add part of Sedona, unifying Sedona.

NDC was instructed that the Commission would like numerous options presented regarding Yavapai County.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to create a River Communities Legislative District.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to create a Legislative District centered on Pinal County based on the plan presented at the Casa Grande hearing, one which includes Apache Junction and Gold Camp, and another which excludes them, and finds ways to add population to Pinal County that is more of the rural agricultural community of interest that was expressed at that hearing.

Agenda Item X: Public Comment was convened again. See item II above.

Agenda Item XI: Future Meetings. Next meetings are to be August 9, 10 and 11, 2001. Discussion was had as to the expected major intensity of the upcoming work sessions, logistics, and schedules. It was indicated that people wanted to start at 12:00 on the 9th even if that meant going through Saturday evening and even on until Sunday, August 12, 2001, to get the job done. Ex. Dir. Echeveste indicated he would make sure he would have a facility that would accommodate late time schedules if the DoubleTree was unable to do so.

Meeting concluded at 3:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance